GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4701
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PURCHASE OF SUBMARINE FROM MAZAGON DOCK LIMITED
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mazagon Dock Limited has received submarine purchase order from the Indian Navy or from any other country, during the last three years, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the said company receives maximum purchase orders?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Government have approved a long term perspective plan for indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. Project 75 is part of this plan. Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai has been identified as the yard to ultimately construct French designed Scorpene Submarines on successful completion of negotiations with the French Company. However, no final decision on the proposal has been taken.

(d) Supply orders are placed on shipyards including MDL, Mumbai for construction of ships/submarines depending upon the availability of resources, and technical capabilities of the shipyards.